



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: CHESTER BUTTE SHRUB STEPPE RESTORATION

Description of Proposal:

Conversion of old ag lands, formally planted with non-native grass species, to shrubsteppe habitat. Project requires multiple steps but essentially involves replacing existing non-native vegetation with native grass and forb species.

The project site is located on the Chester Butte Unit of the Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area. This property is owned and managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The total area to be restored is approximately 50 acres.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
54 Moe Road, Brewster, WA 98812
Attn: Dan Peterson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist 3, Wildlife Area Manager
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Chester Butte Unit, Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area Washington, Douglas County; Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Township 26 North, Range 26 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **August 21, 2012**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: August 6, 2012

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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